### MAYOR WILL TEST COUNCILS' SUDDEN ZEAL FOR THE IDLE

Hopes for Definite Decision on a Plan to Use City Funds to Give Work to the Unemployed.

Organization Men's Abrupt Solicitude for Relief of Distress Suspected of Being a Pre-Election Change of Heart.

The conference of city officials advoeated by Mayor Blankenburg to determine definitely the means for releasing the idle millions in the City Treasury platform to hear him. to provide work for the unemployed during the coming winter will be held within the next two weeks.

John P. Connelly, chairman of the \*pecial foint Councilmante committee. named to devise means of furnishing relief to the unemployed, said today that he and Select Councilman E. W. Patton, of the 27th Ward, would represent Councils at the conference. The other mem-bers of the conference will be Mayor supporting Gifford Pinchot," Blankenburg, City Solicitor Ryan and City Controller Walton.

A final settlement of the controversy on the amount of municipal funds available for contract and the placing of those funds under actual contract, supporters of the Administration declare. will be accomplished if the Mayor re-

ceives genuine co-operation and support from the members of the committee. It is unlikely, even if the funds are made available by Councils in their sudden sollcitous concern over the unem-ployed, that more than 5000 men could be put to work on actual construction projects during the approaching winter nonths, which are ordinarily unseasonable for such work.
Independent forces saw in the abrupt

"relief" campaign of Councils a pre-elec-tion activity. Mayor Blankenburg, how-ever, attended one meeting of the Coun-elimanic committee and made the sug-gestion that will, if carried out, afford genuine relief.

Among 250 items from 15 past bond Among 200 items from 10 past bond issues are many small unexpended bal-ances that could be transferred to the Sinking Fund and thus increase the bor-rowing capacity of the city for other appropriations.

Mayor Blankenburg is of the opinion that all funds that can be made available would provide work for probably 5000 men this winter. R. M. Little, secretary of the Organized Charities, declared at the last meeting of the Councilmanic committee that the number of unemployed men in Philadelphia, at present, was only 20,000 above the normal number of 80,000 usually idle.

The character of work that would be provided by the city would be principally of a rough nature, including construction of highways, sewers and extension of

water mains.
Director Porter, of the Department of

Director Porter and Director Cooke, of the Department of Public Works, are now making efforts to avoid laying off, through lack of funds, men now em-

additional men at the Holmesburg an

Byberry institutions.

The Commissioners of Fairmount Park can employ 50 men on general work in the Park and also put on full time many Mayor Blankenburg pointed out today that employment of 5000 men at 3150 a day would require \$55,00 a day or \$55,000 a a week and \$1500,000 in four weeks. Mayor Blankenburg may go to New York to discuss the matter with Mayor Mirchel.

#### YOUNG RECRUITS MAKE BOLD BUT BRIEF DASH FOR WAR

Forget Racial Antipathy and March Sturdily Until Cold Chills Valor. Percival Blakely Vivian somewhat English by descent, and Daniel Patter Riley-ancestry specifications unmovestary

day they started for Europe. Today Percival is at his home, 112 West York street, and Daniel is with his parents, a 2012 Droor street.

are heart and soul with the curve

2012 Dreer street.

Although both are messengers boys 14 years old, employed by the Postal Company, they sould not flud New York Thereof started in the arong direction and reached Bethapres, when they decided that marching was not what it was pictured like in the "movies"

Percival and Daniel were not friends until they gow at a picture show as

until they saw at a pleture show as Irish soldier shaking the hand of an English soldier, while in the background stood a Scotchman wearing littlebelow the knees and un indian in a cur-ban. It was then that Percival and Daniel forgot all grievanica and decided

a enlist. They took blankets off their beds at

wind whistling through colless branches volver we and the stratue noises that are unit enclosing a countered to the woods sent the boys on tarking.

of the transp and the interview with their parents felay, but will go back on their old lobe tensurew.

TRAIN HITS AUTOBUS

# 4 SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN

Collision Near Altoona Caused by Chauffeur's Failure to Hear Signal.

ALTOONA, Pa. Out. 27 .- A Pennsylvania Railroad local freight, eastbound. struck an autobus on the grade crossing at Burns station on the Hollidaysburg branch three miles south of here today. The following bus pasengers were seriously injured:

PRANK A PLICKINGER AN Alternational mar-ble outless conceaning of brain. Problem of shull, increase out the stress of the EDWARD CASSEL 21 Attempt forget: brubes and sirvations in hospital GNORGE WILSON, 22 chaufeur of bus; inc-

PRED, SYFFFLER, 20, Duncansville, shop man; bruless of body and lacerations of face The bus makes hourly trips between Altoons and Duncansville. It was on its way to Duncansville when the collision

### "SMASH PENROSE," ROOSEVELT SAYS

Continued from Page One the support of the local Progressive ticket, he continued his attacks upon Penroselam as a blot upon national

The Colonel returned to Uniontown in

ime for a meeting at 2:30 this after

Roosevelt started to celebrate his birthday at 8 o'clock by repeating his victous attacks upon Penrose to 100 workmen, who stood on box cars and

in the square on 5th avenue in McKeeaport, the heart of ex-Congressman Dalzell's famous district.
William Films, of Pittsburgh, joined the
party at McKeessort and rode with Rooseveit on the special train for the rest of the day. R. R. Quay is not with the

At Monongahela City 1200 school chilvn greeted the chief Bull Moose, and at boors 1900 were at the station when the done's campaign train pulled in. I have come into Pennsylvania." said Colonel, in Charlerol, "to ask you men

to be true to yourselves, to your wives and to the children who come after you by finishing the work started two years ago. We then started to throw out Pen-rose. We must finish the work and smash the whole Penrose machine." Fully 2500 persons thronged the station

wished to see the Colonel at California, arrived just as the train was pulling out. Roosevelt expressed his regrets and went to his window to wave to them In a three-minute speech at California the Colonel said:

"I want you to help us in smashing Penrose and the whole Penrose machine, want you, with the little citizens in your arms, to make this State better for ONE ISSUE IN CAMPAIGN.

At each of his stops today Roosevelt

plainly told the people that the Issue in

this campaign was Penrose.
"We must get ride of Penrose and the slpartisan liquor-controlled muchine that puts across the things for which Pen-rose stands," he said.

The effect of Roosevelt's invasion was

clearly shown resterday and this morn-ing. It disclosed an anti-Penrose sentiment that has been greatly underesti-It has also shown that Roosevelt can

wing a big vote against Penrose, but Washington party.
Roosevelt himself gave the following estimate of the effect of his first day's trip after 15,000 persons stood in the rain and cheered him when he visited Wil-

linmisport last night. STRONGER THAN IN 1912. "I am perfectly astounded at what I have seen today. I was prepared after my visit to Erie to see things going well. In my judgment we are going to do better than we did two years ago, and I really believe that Gifford Pinchot will do better than I did in Pennsylvania two

Pinchot's strength is apparent in this ection of the State, but in Palmer's disrict Roosevelt made votes for Palmer. In the Schuylkill region, where Roosevelt is personally very popular, Pinchet is little known, Anti-Penrose strength there is tremendous, but whether it will go for laimer or Pinchot is still a matter of

wonderful personal ovation has been hough the Progressive party organization appearently stronger in all the countles 912 the party leaders themselves have stimated that fully half the crowds have repair work, if funds were made available. He could also increase the police of the Park Hotel, Roosevelt for the first time derivative to the first time derivative to the first time derivative. In three meetings at Williamsport last ne during his invasion abandoned his attacks upon Penrose, the man, and upon launched into a discussion of the tariff.
"The Penrose tariff is a tariff which favors almost entirely the manufacturer Director Harte, of the Department of and excludes the employe from its beneficial and Charities, can employ 40 or Six" he summed up.

PENROSE HALTS PROGRESS.

He then discussed the workmen's compersation bill. "Penrose does not dare." he said. "to place upon the statute books ation law because his masters and embyers who helped him with their money break into the United States Senate I not permit him to do ma. The Penwhole system which produces privilege and graft." nd graft, and their revulsion against the

## POLICEMAN GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER IN KILLING YOUTH

Shot William Murphy When Boy Fled After "Skylarking" — Bluecoat Released on Parole After Severe Reprimand.

Policentan Frederick Klimer, of the Germantown station, was found guilty of avoluntary manslaughter today in Quarbade good-by to a few friends and in toind started to New York to board a last March 17. After the jury had rendship while their fees went on the road. o Bethevree Two mights in the holds with a gold criticized the bluecoat for using his re- Taylor has thus very properly gone the volver when there was no more serious limit of fairness. charges against young Murphy than taky-

been playing around the corners near his home when Kilmer and a sergeant from the Germantown station dropped off with the others, Murphy fled. Kilmer inside him, and when he saw the lad was secuting opened fire. The builet penetrated the back of Murphy's head, alling him almost instantly.

A man of your sort is not a safe man have a revolver," said Judge Martin Klimer. "It made no difference if this oed of boys were singing and making racket, you had no right to resort to a use of your revolver under any cirmstances, even if they were trying to

BLUECOAT LOST HIS HEAD.

"Mon are chosen for the police force because they are supposed to be confbended and do not get excited under conditions that would effect some other parsons. It is plain, however, that you, instead of keeping your head, get excited or angry. You evidently fired in the air in this case, but when this boy did not etop you got angry and then tried to wing him. When policemen got the im-pression that they can draw their recivers on any occasion, it becomes a reat danger to the community."

Judge Murtin postponed sentence, pendton the track, to reach which it is neces-hary to ascend a heavy grade. The noise record, and paholing Kilmer in the cua-if the bus drowned the sound of the tody of Police Lieutenant Buchanan, of ng his investigation of Kilmer's police ctric bell which warns travelers. The the Germantown station. Kilmer is under suspension by the police board.

### BRUMBAUGH TELLS FARMERS HIS PLANS FOR BETTER ROADS

Promises Immediate Reorganization of State Highway Department on Triumphant Tour of Democratic Berks.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT WOMELSDORF, Pa., Oct. 27.-Escortd by a party in 16 automobiles decorated with flags, Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh, Republican candidate for Covernor, made a triumphant tour through Berks County, a Democratic stronghold, today,

In spite of the sudden cold which made outdoor campaigning uncomfortable, an nthusiastic greeting was given Doctor Brumbaugh at the five towns between tere and Reading where stops were

Better roads for the farmers was the keynote of Doctor Brumbaugh's speeches, He told the people frankly that conditions in the State Highway Department at present were not what they should be. One of his first official acts when elected, he declared, would be the thorough reorganization of the Highway Department from the standpoint of efficiency instead of politics. One hundred cents worth of service for every dollar spent on the roads must be given by hose in charge of our highways, he declared, and to this end he promised cap-able men instead of politicians would immediately be placed in the responsible

When Doctor Brumbaugh alighted from the train at Reading this morning he was greeted by a reception committee, on which there were seven of his relatives. A member of the committee had com-posed the following song, which was sung at the station in honor of the candidate. Bring in your votes for Brumbaugh; h

is the man you're look for, we will bring back to good old times. will boost our man today; may he bring success our way on the com-

ing election day." Among those at the station were J. H. Cummings, president of the Stetson Hat Company: Mayor Ira W. Stratton, ex-Mayor William F. Shannaman, County Commissioner Eugene I. Sands, J. Brum-sach, president of the Penn National Sank, and Republican County Chairman Or. C. D. Werley. The party made stops at Wyomissing,

This afternoon Kutztown is the principal town on the itinerary. Here Doctor Brumbaugh addressed students of the State Normal School. Aside from pledging legislation to benefit the farmer discontinuous and the state Normal School. rectly, Doctor Brumbaugh declared that Pennsylvania must have local option, a vorkingman's compensation law, better providing shorter hours for working

#### DR. J. C. DOANE NAMED HEAD OF PHILA. HOSPITAL

Provisional Appointee Finished Second in Competitive Examinations. Director Harte, of the Department of Public Health and Charities, today ap-pointed Dr. Joseph C. Doane as chief resident physician of the Philadelphia General Hospital at a salary of \$1000 a year. Doctor Doane has been provisional appointee for some months. He came to this city from the Miners' Hospital at

Scranton.

A civil service examination was held some time ago for the post, and Doctor Donne stood second with an average of 86.46. First on the list was Dr. Charles F. Sanborn, of the City Hospital, Cincinnati. His average, 88.02 per cent., is looked upon by physicians as remarkably good. Doctor Harte said today that Doctor Sanborn was unavailable.

tor Sanborn was unavailable.

The former chief resident at the Phila delphia General Hospital was Dr. Henry Sykes. Among those who took the civil service examination, in which the real-dence clause was waived, were Dra Mark L. Fleming, of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, and Robert C. Crumpton, of St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

#### MANY DIE IN MINE TORN BY EXPLOSION

In a pocket in the drift Harris found 15 dazed and injured miners. He led them out an adjoining drift untouched by the

Immediately after the explosion, word was sent to the mine rescue stations at Benton, Ill., and St. Louis, and soon special trains from those points were rushing to Royalton with their rescue crews. When the extent of the accident became known, the mine officials saw that the two crews would be unable to handle the situation, and word was then sent to Springfield, Ill., which is a con-siderable distance from here, to send a rescue crew from the station there.

The mine was one of the largest and ichest in the Big Muddy district and outhern Illinois, producing the finest quality of coal in the Middle West. The haft was comparatively new, having cen sunk less than ten years ago. was near the famous Leiter mine at Zieg-ler, which was wrecked several years ago by an explosion charged to persons con-nected with labor disturbances while the nine was being operated by non-union

### DR. WALTER D. GREEN KILLED

Death by Express Train in North Jersey Announced Today.

Dr. Walter B. Green, a well-known Philadelphia physician and medical in-spector, was killed Sunday night by an express train near Bellemend, Somerset County, N. J., it was announced today. Somerset County officials believe Doctor Green wandered to the Reading Railway Green wandered to the Reading Railway tracks from a sanatorium at Bellemead where he was a patient.

Doctor Green was born in New Jersey the son of the late Judge Edward T. Green. He received his medical train-Green. ing at Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania. He was resident physician at the Presbyterian Hospital and subsequently accepted an ap-pointment with the Pennsylvania Hospital. Later he became medical inspector in the Bureau of Health. In 1894 he was appointed port physician by former Judge Abraham M. Beitler.

### TEACHING OF LITTLE **PUPILS GREAT WORK** OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Mrs. John Loman Points Out to Philadelphia Workers the Importance of Elementary Instruction.

Sunday schools is the teaching of elenentary pupils, was an opinion advanced this afternoon by Mrs. John Loman, diocesan visitor of Episcopal Sunday schools, in an address before a large number of Philadelphia workers in attendance at the "elementary day" seasion of the Philadelphia County Sunday School Association, in Messiah Luthoran Church, 16th and Jefferson streets. For this reason, Mrs. Loman showed the importance of teachers in the elementary schools being trained to teach the truths of the Bible to the children, and not simply to act as caretakers of the little folk for an hour a week, as was cus-tomary years ago. She said in part: "In the 18th century, when a teacher was needed for the primary department (which generally included children from 3 to 13 years of age), the question was asked. 'Will you teach?' which meant, 'Will you come to the Sunday school for one hour on Sunday and keep the chil-dren quiet with a hymn and a story? Do

"Now, happily, this is changed and the question of the 20th century in, 'Can you teach? Have you the ability to plant seeds of truth in the fresh young minds?

"God longs unspeakably that His plan for each young soul be carefully worked out, and to the elementary teacher is given the inestimable privilege of laying the foundation stones of Christian char-

acter. "Careful training is needed for God's "Careful training is needed for God's fellow-workers, for the education of souls cannot be accomplished without prayerful preparation. An untrained teacher taught a lesson to a class of 6-year-olds on the Pauline Epistles—the trained teacher teaches them of the Heavenly Father's love and care. Father's love and care. "An untrained teacher looked upon her class as 'a lot of little dumb animals-

they won't talk or sing'-and taught them in that spirit.
"The trained teacher saw in that class

beautiful plastic material to be made fit for the Master's use, and poured out her love in her teaching. "Know the child, know the lesson, honor the high calling of 'God's helper' and

blessings will crown your efforts." Following Mrs. Loman's address, the workers joined in a discussion of the subject, with Mrs. Emilie F. Kearney as leader. Sectional conferences were then held until the luncheon hour. The speakers at these were Miss Josephine Kessler, Mrs. M. J. Baldwin, Miss Cora N. Coates and Miss Rose Russell. The main speaker at the evening session will be Mrs. Robert N. Waring of Newark, N. J. At the close of her ad-

dress on the problem of preparing and presenting the program for the sessions of the schools, more sectional conferl ences are to convene.

### STATUS OF RAPID TRANSIT (Continued)

avenue, vin Woodland avenue and for a short distance via private right of way

Roxborough

cost thereof will be \$8,500,000. He calls attention to the necessity reparing for the construction of this line by the opening of the Parkway, by the grading of Henry avenue and by the contruction of the Henry avenue bridge over the valley of the Wissahickon.
The construction of this line will have

s accomplished.

The cost of the first three mentioned ines will be \$45,900,000.

P. R. T. S SHARE.

Director Taylor and the management of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company have agreed upon a program for 600,660, plus the annual increase thereof, Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company asbuilt, in conjunction with the present subway, elevated and surface lines of the city in a manner which will furnish the people of Philadelphia with rapid transit facilities between all important ections of the city and enable the peoe to travel from practically every point the city to every other point in the quickly, conveniently and comfort-for one 5-cent fare by the joint use existing surface and high-speed lines conjunction with the municipally own-i high-speed lines. In securing the Philadelphia Rapid

Transit co-operation to the extent provided in the program it has been arranged that the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company shall be protected out of the earnings of the municipally owned igh-speed lines to an extent sufficient o offset any loss in its existing net earnings which the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company may suffer by reason of the net diversion of its existing net income to the municipally owned highspeed lines, resulting from participation program. Director

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company undertakes to eliminate the 8-cent exchange tickets, which are highly discriminatory against persons and localities and which many leading members of the bar

transfers in their stead.

The carrying out of the program now awaits the action of City Councils on the one part and the action of the stockholders of the Union Traction Company n the other part. The time has come for Councilmen

and Union Traction stockholders to heed the voice of the people of Philadelphia. A prompt decision on their part is denanded by the public.
The program provides, among other

things, that the Union Traction Com-pany will be relied upon to aid in se-curing only such funds as will be re-quired for the normal extension of the existing system, which will be greatly lessaned by the extablishment of the new high-speed lines.

The par value of the Union Traction stock is \$50 per share, of which amount only \$17.50 has actually been paid in. Therefore, there remains an obligation that the Union Traction Com-

only \$17.20 has actually been paid in. Therefore, there remains an obligation on each stockholder to pay the remainder; namely, \$12.50 per share, when and as called for by the board of directors fach stockholder to personally flable for and bound to make such payments under the laws of the State of Pennsylvert. vania.

It has been stated that the normal requirements for the extension of the

Cemetery to Paschall avenue, via Paschall avenue, via Paschall avenue to Grays Ferry avenue, about \$300,000 per year. If this be corducing municipal asset, via Gray's Ferry avenue to Woodland avenue and for a stockholders would only have to invest which will accrue to the city, traveling the content of the content of the city of the content of the city avenue, via Woodland avenue and for a short distance via private right of way to Darby.

The cost thereof will be \$4,400,000.

(i) A subway-elevated line extending from a connection with the delivery loop at City Hall Station, under the Parkway to North 28th street, thence via North 28th street, thence via North 28th street to Henry avenue, to their present dividends.

THE UNION TRACTION STOCK-

HOLDER. In other words, it would simply mean that each Union Traction stockholder would reinvest at 6 per cent. one-half the dividend which he receives.

The city now is in shape to proceed with be deferred until this preliminary work its part under the terms of the "program." The amount of money involved in constructing the first mentioned lines is \$45,990,000, upon which to secure this money the city's annually increasing borrowing capacity and the added bor rowing capacity provided by the personal property tax act in the amount of \$39,-

The pending constitutional amendment will still further increase the city's bor sumes to equip and operate these munic-ipally owned high-speed lines, if and when provides for the payment of interest acruing during the constructive period out loan funds, instead of out of revenue, and permits the city to issue 50year bonds instead of 30-year bonds. thus cutting down the annual sinking fund requirements from 2% per cent. to per cent. Several other important fea-ures are also included. This amendment acted upon by the Legislature at the forthcoming session and finally by the people in the general election in No

THE CITY'S PART. The city's part in the undertaking as outlined only involves the raising of \$45,-582,000 during a period of four years (little of this money will be required during the first year). The maximum total ultimate annual charge thereon (sinking fund payments included) would be 65; per cent. on the cost, if the Constitutional amendment were to fall of adoption. This total annual charge, however, will be reduced by the adoption of the Constitutional amendment enabling the city to Trader the terms of the program, the cost. Taking the banks of 50-year bonds instead of 50-year bonds, to an average of 5 per cent, of the cost. Taking the banks of 64 per cent, per annum, the total maximum posterior than the cost of payments, required to discharge the entire indebtedness representing the total cost of the lines within the term of the bond issue, would be \$3,023,500 per year, and it is practically certain that the and it is practically certain that the average fixed charge will be reduced to which many leading members of the bar \$1,255,000 per year under the new sinking have branded as illegal, and to issue free fund requirements prescribed by the Constitutional amendment. In any event this annual fixed charge will be offset by the following items:

(i) The net earnings produced by the operation of the facilities, in excess of reasonable payments allowed the oper-

(2) By the increase in tax collections resulting from increase of taxable valuation of real estate, produced by the con-struction and operation of the new highspeed lines, probably \$1,000,000 per annum ind upward.
(3) By the value of time saved the traveling public in Philadelphia, which,

on basis of 15 cents per hour, would amount to upward of \$1,939,000 per annum.

(4) By the elimination of the exchange icket charge, which is now imposed upon the public, amounting to upward of \$800,060 per annum By the I mill tax on personal prop erty, formerly collected by the State and surrendered by the State under recent egislation to the city as a practica tsub idy in ald of transit development, rearly

\$510,000 per annum.

(8) By the operation of the sinking fund in discharging the total cost of the lines within the terms of the boad is-sue, to the end that Philadelphia will thus uithmately be in possession of these (7) By the many broad advantages which will accrue to the city, traveling rublic, property owners and the people in general, resultant from the establishment of an adequate and efficient trans-

portation system. RETURN TO CITY. Leaving out of consideration the in-

by the operation of the municipal lines, we shall thus have indirect but tangible and permanent return to the city and to the citizens, totaling upward of \$4,309,600 per annum, to offset an annual fixed charge of only \$2.295,000, which inc payment of the total cost of construction during the term of the municipal bend issue. This annual charge disappear with the extinguishment of

the bonds. Director Taylor is right in urging that there shall be no delay in establishing the recommended high-speed lines and operation thereof in a manner which is essential to the welfare of the people of Philadelphia.

existing companies fail to promptly join together and accept the generous protection afforded by the terms of the program, the citizens of Philadelphia will establish the high speed system regardless of that fact. The only change in plans necessary wil he provision for a Chestnut street sub-way to connect the Frankford and Woodland avenue elevated line, instead of their being connected with the present Market street subway-elevated line through the business district.

The delay on the part of the Union Traction stockholders in ratifying the program for transit development is inviting a disaster to that company which Philadelphia has gone to the limit to prevent. The Union Traction Company stockholders now receive a rental of \$1,-\$60,000 per year on their \$10,500 shares of capital stock, of par value of \$30,000,000 upon which there has only been paid in \$17.50 per share, or a gross amount of \$10.500.000. Each stockholder is therefore in receipt of dividends amounting to 17.15 per cent, on the actual cash payments to he treasury which his shares represent. If the city is forced to proceed in estab-lishing its own rapid transit facilities, without Union Traction Company or Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company co-operation, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit ompany will be annihilated by competition, the lease of the Union Traction Company to the Philadelphia Rapid Tran-Company will be wiped out and the nion Traction Company will be forced a take back its property, shorn of the advantages accruing to it under the 1907 contract between the Philadelphia Rapid Company and the city. It will also be shorn of the large volume of traffic earnings diverted by the com-petitive high-speed lines and confronted with the certainty that no distribution of profits to the extent of 17.15 per cent on the paid in value of the capital atock would ever again be permitted by the Public Service Commission of the State of Pennsylvania in the absence present lease or contract with the Phila-leiphia Rapid Transit Company, which is the sole possible legal justification for that excritiant return on the investment.

RAPID TRANSIT MUST COME. Furthermore, in the event of dissolution of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company the Union Traction stockholders would be immediately called upon to assume the outstanding obligations of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company which they have susranteed.

The people of Philadelphia expect the existing companies to co-operate with them in establishing the rapid transit system: in return they will afford the existing companies protection against loss in their net income, which will re-

sult from the carrying out of the co perative program establishing the new if the existing companies do not want this protection, the city will go ahead any way, one way or the other. Which way depends largely on the Union Trac-tion stockholders. **POSTOFFICE ALTERATIONS** ARE SOON TO BE STARTED

Space Will be Provided for Handling Large Amount of Mail.

Work on the proposed alterations in the Postoffice Building, at 9th and Market streets, will be started in the near made today by Postmaster John A. Thornton. For several days agents of the Postoffice Department from Washington have been in the city looking over the local postoffice and deciding on certain alterations to give more space fo handling a larger amount of mail.

According to the plans, the mone crder department, now on the second floor, and the postal savings depart-ment, at the 9th and Chestnut streets

corner of the building, will occupy the quarters of the parcels post department at 9th and Market streets. These two departments will be in charge of Timothy J. Keohane, superintendent of The most important work done in the finance.
The parcel post department will be removed to the new parcels post station at 22d and Market streets, although pack-

ages will be received at the central of The space vacated by the postal say ings bank department at 9th and Chest-nut streets will be occupied by the in-quiry department. Much of the business of the inquiry department will be trans-acted on a mezzanine floor, which will be built along the Chestnut street side, but an office will be kept on the main floor to receive public complaints. A large platform giving 40 feet of ad-ditional space will be built along the rear

of the Postoffice, where the wagons and motortrucks load mall for distribution. This change will facilitate the handling of the Christmas rush.

## CHRISTMAS SHIP TO BE HERALD OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

City Hall Pavilion a Revelation of Self-sacrifice of Givers to War's Helpless Victims.

If you want to be imbued with the real Christmas spirit; to see exemplified the real principle of generous giving, the giving which represents a sacrifice and which takes no thought of a gift to be received in return, then pay a visit to the Christmas ship pavillon in the City Hall court, where everflowing the counters and piled ceiling high are packages and crates of contributions for the youngsters of warring Europe.

You wouldn't believe that any such things as "hard times" or "financial depression" were in existence, and yet, according to the officials of the Child Federation, it is just those people least en dowed with this world's goods who are

giving the most.

Five and ten dollar bills are being dropped into the contribution bowls as though those precious notes grew on trees in the streets. Expensive blankets and woolen underwear and outer gar-ments which cannot be bought for a song are being carried in in cartloads. The parcel post automobile and huge trucks from all of the express companies crowd each other out of the way in an endeavor to deposit their burdens. Little pushcarts bearing gifts wedge their way in and help make the pavilion seem the busiest little Santa Claus workshop ever dreamed of. Never has City Hall court seen such a sight before.

EVEN THE AFFLICTED SEND AID. ome produced and secured to the city of the bordering States the gifts are coming. Even the State Asylum for the Insane is represented among the contributors. This morning the Pennsylvania Institute for the Deaf and Dumb sent a box containing one half dozen warm caps and a half dozen equally warn sweaters. In fact, there is scarcely school or an institution within a hundred miles of Philadelphia which has not given.
Mrs. Thomas Robins and her corps of assistants are doing their very best to keep their heads level in an endeavor to meet the onrush with equanimity and to keep from being swamped by it. Pack ages are being snipped open feverishly and hatchets are being used to make

huge crates yield their contents. The sounds of industry fill the air. In addition to opening the packages every single article, from the tiniest baby sock to the large blankets, is being listed. This means work, and work is being done. Prospective contributors are still cry-

ing for more time. "Do not close the pavillon tomorrow afternoon," say they, "and the orphans will receive even more presents." And then the Child Federation is put to the task of explaining that to close the pavilion on the 25th is necessary for the success of the expedition. The task of delivering the gifts to the various countries is going to be such a very colossal one that time will be needed in order to

have them reach each and every child on Christmas morn. WHERE GIFTS WILL BE LANDED. Bordeaux will be the port of entry for France. Germany will be served by Rotterdam. Belgium will be taken care of by England, but Russia, Austria and Servia present problems. Negotiations with the Swedish and Norwegian Ministers are in order at present to see if it will be possible to reach the Czar's children across the Finnish frontier by way of Bergen. The Servian remembrances will go into the Greek port of Salonika. and it is thought that the Austrian youngsters will be served through Trieste, though the mined Adriatic prethrough senta difficulties. But it doesn't much to expect that the good ship Jason freighted with her precious cargo will sail safely in, watched by some spe-cial guardian angel, and no little child in the most impenetrable belligereven ent nation will be disappointed.

### G. A. R. RELIEF MEETS

250 Women Attend 21st Annual Convention in Roxborough.

to hundred and fifty delegates from Allentown, Hatboro, Coatesville, Oxford and this city are attending the 21st annual convention of the Woman's Relief Corps of the G. A. R., which opened this morning in G. A. R. Hall, Fountain street, Hoxborough.

Mrs. Margaret Scott, president of the fetty A. Jones Relief Corps, No. 124 etty A. Jones Relief Corps, No. 12i, Roxborough, presided at the morning session, and reports showing an increased membership were read. Tonight the organization will hold a campfire in the G. A. R. Hall.

Funeral of George S. Dedier

The funeral of George S. Dedier, The runeral of George . Dedict, a Civil War veteran, serving in the 121st Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, who died last Saturday, will tuke plane Wednesday afternoon, from his arte home in Wayne. Mr. Dedier was a member of the Greble Post, No. 10, G. A. B.; the Colonel Owen Jones Post, No. 521, G. A. R. and the Choctaw Tribe, I. O. R. M., of Bryn Mawr. A military guard of honor will be present at the funeral.

## CALAMITY HOWLERS, LED BY PENROSE, PUT DAMPER ON TRADE

Kensington Textile Men Deprecate His Speeches. Shopkeepers Cheerful, but a Few Manufacturers Disapprove Evening Ledger.

"Calamity howlers," of whom the chief s United States Senator Boles Penrose, are responsible for the comparatively slight business depression existing in Kensington, Philadelphia's vast textile dstrict, according to bankers, business men and workers.

men and workers.

Penrose is being criticised today in Kensington even by the men who declare their intention of voting for him in the belief that he will protect business interests. His talks of business depression, these men say, are doing more than anything else to hurt conditions.

Comparison of the conditions existing now in Kensington with the records of employment, bank deposits and mills working in 1910, not to mention the panic years of 1907 and 1908, indicate that Kensington is not experiencing hard times.

PENROSE SPEECHES HARMEUL

PENROSE SPEECHES HARMFUL. Short-time schedules are being used at many of the mills, but this does not mean that the workers are being subjected to hardships. The average textile

worker on short time is working five days a week. Comparatively few have been laid off, and none of the really large mills has been closed. Bankers and others in a position to know, even some of those who will vote for Penrose, openly declare that two things are responsible for any depression hat may exist at present. The first is Renrose and his speeches and the second is the lack of initiative on the part of he business men, they assert.

BUSINESS GOOD IN KENSINGTON. Most of the plants closed in Kensington are those of small firms employing on the average about 20 workers. Careful investigation by the Evening Lenger indicates that 75 per cent. of the 100,000 textile workers are on short time, averaging four or five days a week. Records show that in the panic years and in some instances in 1910 these workers were laid off alterenter. were laid off altogether.
Small storekeepers in Kensington laugh

at the idea of business depression. They say their sales show a natural increase. The same thing applies to the moving picture houses, all of which are doing a good business. Restaurant proprietors also declare they see no reason to object to present-day conditions.

MANUFACTURERS CRITICAL. Some of the larger business men in Kensington criticise the EVENING LEDGER for its fight on Penrose and Penroselsm. A typical instance is the statement made by John W. Snowden, vice president and general manager of the Stead & Miller Company, manufacturers of upholstery

itreets. He said:
"I won't tell you whether we are working on half time, full time or what we are doing. I never speak to the Ledger. I don't like the Ledger because of its attitude toward Senator I virose. Harry Lonsdale, of F. A. Bochmann Company Inc., dress goods, 2d and Cam-

and draperies, at Cambria and Leithgow

'We have dropped many men. present depression is due to the tinkering with the tariff, attacking Penrose, much legislation and restrictions on the railroads,' Investigation at the Bochmann plant

bria streets, said:

led to the information that but few of of them are on short time. Mr. Lonsdale declined to give any figures as to the number of employes now as compared to records of 1907, 1908 and 1910.

OUTLOOK BRIGHTER. Many manufacturers were seen at the Cosmopolitan Club, Lehigh avenue and id street, frequented by textile men. The statement of Thomas J. Keon, of the firm of Politz, Le Fort & Keon, manufac-turers of lace curtains, at 3d street and

Columbia avenue, is as follows:
"A Republican change at the present time wouldn't help. Things could be worse. I believe that with the change of weather conditions will change. weather often plays an important part in the business world. We are paying the business world. etter wages now than before. I know of many who said they were going to close their plants, but they haven't so far. Chicago is giving our first a better trade than ever before. I beeve the conditions have been exagger-This calamity talk must cease. It might be well to find out how many

that has been closed. We now employ 259 They are working on threepersons. quarters time, but with the change of weather I feel certain that business will pick up. AGAINST CALAMITY HOWLS. A similarly optimistic statement is

III hands paid \$6 each for world's series

tickets. I don't know of a single plant

made by Leon Worms president of the Lehigh Silk Hosiery Company, of Jasper and Orleans street. "All our regular help is working," said fr. Worms. "We have bought new ma-Worms. Our force is working on full chinery. Our force is working on full time. Calamity howlers are injuring business a great deal. There may be a little depression, but why do political speakers continue to give that feature sublicity? We haven't discharged any of our help since this depression talk start-d. Business is better today than in 1967 and 1908."

PROPERTY HELD FOR HOSPITAL

Woodland Avenue Business Men Take Option on Buildings

An option has ben taken on the Wil-liam H. Whitely property at Main and Summit streets Darby, by business men of Woodland avenue, who are organizing the Delaware County General Hospital. The property is valued at \$30,000. alterations will be made and the property will not be purchased until \$75,000 is raised. At this time \$10,000 has been riedged. An organization meeting of rledged. An organization meeting of stockholders will be held within two

Borrowed Hammer Leads to Arrest A borrowed hammer led to the arrest f Frank Bucky, 38 years old, 3 Baynton street, who was arraigned before Magis-trate Pennock in the Germantown atation today on the charge of carrying con-

cealed weapons. Bucky was working in a sewer 20 feet below the ground, at 65th avenue and Montrose street, early today, when Walter Murray, 1520 St. Luke street, called and asked him to return the hammer he horrowed last week. A dispute followed and Special Policeman Konig arrested Bucky

Burning Leaves Ignite Shed Roof Children burning leaves set fire to a chicken coop on the grounds of Benjamin W. Greer in Wister street today. A puff of wind blew some of the burning leaves on the roof of the structure. The blase was soon subdued by the firs department